

# Graduation Requirements For the Classes of 2021 & Beyond

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# Our Mission

To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

# Our Vision

In order for students to pursue their life goals, by 2020 all Jeffco graduates will be able to apply the Jeffco 2020 competencies.



JEFFCO  
2020 Vision

Content Mastery | Civic & Global Engagement | Communication  
Critical Thinking & Creativity | Self-Direction & Personal Responsibility

# WHY adjust graduation requirements?

- By 2020, three out of every four jobs will require education beyond high school
- The Colorado Academic Standards provide clear, high expectations for what students should know and be able to do at every grade level, and
- For the class of 2021 additional graduation requirements

# The Primary Change

- Additional graduation requirements require students to demonstrate proficiency in English and math, subjects that reflect Colorado standards and 21st century skills
- Local Board/District graduation requirements may include additional elements, but must contain demonstration in English and math



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# CDE Timeline

# JEFFCO Graduation Requirements

<b>Content</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Math</b> <i>(A minimum of Algebra 1, Geometry and one additional course at or above Geometry)</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>Science</b> <i>(Three credits of laboratory classes in science that meet both process and content standards are required)</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>Social Studies</b> <i>(Including history, geography, civics, and economics )</i>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Fine/Practical Arts</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Additional Coursework</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>23</b>



# CDE Menu of Options

- Options provided to districts include:
  - Testing Options
  - A District Capstone
  - Industry Certificates
  - Concurrent Enrollment
- The full Menu of Options can be found at [cde.state.co.us](https://cde.state.co.us) and each district may adopt one, some, or all of the available options
- Districts can accommodate for specific students who will still earn a standard high school diploma
  - English learners
  - Gifted students
  - Students with disabilities



# Menu Options

	English	Math
Accuplacer	62	61
ACT	18	19
ACT Work Keys	Bronze	Bronze
Advanced Placement (AP)	2	2
ASVAB	31	31
Concurrent Enrollment	Passing Grade	Passing Grade
International Baccalaureate (IB)	4	4
SAT	430	460
District Capstone	Individualized	Individualized
Industry Certificate	Individualized	Individualized
Collaboratively Developed Performance Based Assessment (in development)	State Rubric	State Rubric

# Menu of Options

## The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

- A comprehensive test that helps determine students' eligibility and suitability for careers in the military.

## ACT WorkKeys

- An assessment of students' job skills in applied reading, writing, mathematics and 21st century skills. Scores are based on job profiles that help employers select, hire, train, develop and retain a high-performance workforce.

## Industry Certificate

- A credential recognized by business and industry .  
Measures the competency in an occupation

# Menu of Options

## Advanced Placement (AP)

- AP exams test students' ability to perform at a college level
- AP exam performance can earn college credit
- Associated with AP curriculum offered at most Jeffco high schools

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

- IB exams assess students enrolled in the official IB Diploma Programme
- IB exam performance can earn college credit
- Associated with IB curriculum

# Menu of Options

## ACT

- The nationally administered, standardized paper-and-pencil test that helps colleges evaluate candidates. The ACT was Colorado's standardized assessment until January 2016.

## SAT

- SAT is a nationally administered, standardized paper-and-pencil test that helps colleges evaluate candidates. The SAT was endorsed as the state assessment by CDE in January 2016.

## Accuplacer

- Most commonly used by Community Colleges to determine placement in courses.

# Menu of Options

## Capstone

- A multifaceted body of work that serves as a culminated academic and intellectual experience.
- A work group, comprised of high school principals and central staff are working to identify Jeffco School's define components

## Concurrent Enrollment

- Students enrolled in postsecondary courses, while enrolled in high school, earning both high school and college credit

# Questions